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**COLLECTIONS OF THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

Late last year it was determined to place a more suitable insurance on the personal property of the Society, For this purpose an exact inventory and appraisalment was made, which included the property of the Society on December 1, 1917

It has been thought that it would interest our members and others if a condensed synopsis of this inventory were published. What is given here is in no sense a descriptive catalogue. The intention is to give a general idea of the Society's collections, together with examples of things of particular interest. Only a list of the subjects of portraits can be given.

From its organization in 1831 until 1893, when the war-time home of General R. E. Lee, 707 E. Franklin Street. Richmond, was given by Mrs John Stewart, of "Brook Hill", Va., and her daughters, we had no home of our own; but occupied rooms rented or loaned. There were, of course, many removals, and twice, once during the Civil War, and once immediately after the Federal forces occupied Richmond, the belongings of the Society had to be removed, almost at an hour's notice.

With such a history it can be readily seen that many books, relics, and pictures have been lost. It is not believed, however, that anything of very great value disappeared, and it is comforting to know that we still have many articles given to the Society in its earlier years.

The gift of our present home possibly saved the life of the Society—certainly it was the cause of its entering upon a career of great growth and usefulness. This growth has been so great that our house is now almost full from basement to top floor. Crowded rooms seriously hamper our work, particularly the use of the library. And, greatest obstacle of all, the house is not fire-proof. It is an unusually substantial brick structure, and every precaution in the use of fire and lights, and by placing fire shutters has been taken; but nothing can make it absolutely safe.

Our Board is determined that this house shall always remain unaltered as a memorial to General Lee, and that the public shall always have access to it. In addition to this, the Society will be obliged to have, when conditions will admit, a separate fireproof building especially constructed for its use. We have no thought now of any such work. First of all we wish to give every aid in our power to the winning of the war. Next to that we will endeavor through all possible economy and the aid of our members, to keep our work, during these trying years, as nearly normal as possible. After the successful ending of the war, when the world is made safe, we will begin work to raise the means to build and equip a suitable house for the Society

### BOOKS

Books: 11232 volumes, including bound periodicals and pamphlets.

In addition to books bought by the Society or given to it, we have, in the past, become the heir of two old semi-public libraries; the Mechanics Institute and the Athenaeum. These libraries contained many excellent books; but, as was the case with the other books of the Society, many movings were bad for the bindings. There are hundreds of valuable books, whose covers are loose or off, and which will need rebinding before they can be used. This does not apply to books acquired later.

All books, pamphlets etc, are included in a manuscript card catalogue. Last year we began making a catalogue of printed cards, bought from the Library of Congress, with type-written additions, where needed. These are in a card file accessible to the public. As a measure of economy the purchase of printed cards has been discontinued until after the war, though entries are regularly made in the manuscript catalogue.

### NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers: 291 bound volumes, including the **Virginia Gazette** 1736-39, 1766, 1768-69, 1774, 1775-76, 1776.

A list of Virginia newspapers in our library in 1902 was published in Vol.IX of our magazine.

**MANUSCRIPTS.**

Manuscripts: 251 volumes, 108 files.

A catalogue of the manuscripts then in the collection of the Society, was printed in 1901. There is a manuscript card catalogue of additions.

Among the most important items are: (1) "Lee Transcripts," 5 vols; copies of correspondence of Lee family; (2) "Lee Papers," 5 vols; original letters to and from members of the Lee family; (3) "Miscellaneous Autographs," 17 vols; letters and documents relating to Virginians and Virginia history; (4) Several volumes relating to the Confederacy; (5) "Miscellanea Curiosa," 6 vols. English and other European antiquities; (6) Several orderly books &c., relative to the Revolution and the War of 1812; (7) Letter book of Richard Corbin 1758-68. Copy; (8) "Campbell Papers", 6 vols; miscellaneous Va. letters and papers presented by Charles Campbell, the Va. historian; (9) "Carter Papers", 4 vols; (10) Letter book of William Fitzhugh 1679 &c; (11) Letter book of Ralph Wormeley (copy); (12) Letter books of William Lee, 4 vols; (13) Letter books of Governor Robert Dinwiddie, 4 vols; (14) Original MS. of Henry Lee's "Memoir of the War in the South"; (14) Minutes and Accounts, Colonization Society of Virginia, 1828-59, 2 vols; (15) Letters of Washington to Dinwiddie, 1754 &c., 1 vol; (16) Washington-Fairfax Letters, 1 vol; (17) Register of Albemarle Parish, Sussex County; (18) Edmund Randolph's Essay towards a history of Virginia; (19) Minutes of the General Court of Virginia 1670-76; (20) Washington's Diary 1790-91; (21) "Original Autographs" (signatures), presented by W. W. Corcoran; (22) Letter books of Governor Alexander Spotswood, 2 vols; (23) Barradall's Reports (colonial court decisions), 1 vol; (24) "Randolph Manuscripts", 2 vols (Notes made from Va. records about 1710); (25) "Ludwell Papers", 6 vols; (26) French and Indian War Land Bounty Warrants, 2 vols (copy); (27) References to Revolutionary soldiers in Journals of House of Delegates of Virginia, 2 vols (copy); (28) Journals of Council of Virginia, 3 vols (copy); (29) Notes from Stafford County, records, 2 vols (copy); (30) Letters of Robert ("King") Carter, 1 vol. (copy); (31) "Cary Papers", 1 vol, 3 files; being the Va. genealogical notes of the late Wilson Miles Cary; (32) Winstion Genealogy 1 vol. and 1 file.

There are other volumes or collections of value and interest. It is impossible to refer to the separate letters and papers in the files.

In addition to the manuscripts in volumes or files, a number have been framed for exhibition . Among these are: (1) A letter to George Washington on the occasion of his marriage, from his wife's London merchants; (2) Autograph statment by Washington as to land due Colonal troops; (3) A survey by Washington, 1752; (4) "The Northern Neck Declaration", protest against Stamp Act, with many signatures; (5) Autograph letter of Martha Washington; (6) Patent for Beverley Manor, Augusta County, 1731; (7) Commission of Robert Hunter as governor of Virginia, 1705.

### MAPS.

Among the more valuable maps in our collection are (1) 2 of the siege of Yorktown; (2) John Henry's Map of Virginia; (3) Fry and Jefferson's Map of Virginia; (4) The Summer Islands (Bermuda) 1626; (5) 65 maps prepared by Confederate engineers, chiefly of Virginia counties, 1862-64. Most of these required repairs, which are being made as it is possible.

### OIL PORTRAITS.

(1) George Washington; (2) Mrs Martha Washington; (3) James Madison; (4) Peyton Randolph; (5) Thomas Jefferson; (6) James Monroe; (7) John Marshall; (8) George Mason; (9) Thomas Nelson (loan); (10) Patrick Henry; (11) R. E. Lee; (12) Lafayette; (13) George Washington; (14) George Washington; (15) Edward Wilson James; (16) Henry Knox; (17) William Maxwell; (18) Mrs Maxwell; (19) Children of Philip Grymes, of "Brandon"; (20) Joseph Bryan; (21) George Percy; (22) Black Hawk; (23) Pocahontas (ideal); (24) Zachary Taylor; (25) Edmund Pendleton; (26) Arthur Lee; (27) George Eskridge; (28) Mrs. Eskridge; (29) John Dandridge; (30) R. E. Lee; (31) Rt. Rev. James Madison (loan); (32) Lord Culpeper; (33) "Earl of Essex"; (34) James Gibbon; (35) C. A. Gerard;

(36) Duke de Lauzun; (37) Cpt. William Jones; (38) William B. Giles; (39) Edmund Randolph; (40) William Dandridge (loan); (41) John Randolph of Roanoke; (42) Rev. M. D. Hoge; (43) Conway Robinson; (44-63) 13 portraits Bolling family (6 generations), 4 of Randolph, 2 of Morris, Rev. James Blair D. D., and Thomas Bolling Robertson (loans); (64) Rev. John Buchanan.

### PORTRAITS, BUSTS, ENGRAVINGS, &c.

(1) Benjamin Franklin ((pastel); (2) R. E. Lee, (water color copy); (3) R. E. Lee, 7 examples; (4) T. J. Jackson, 4; (5) J. E. Johnston; (6) J. E. B. Stuart, 2; (7) Jefferson Davis (bust); (8) Jefferson Davis (engraving); (9) James Blair D.D. (miniature); (10) Lafayette; (11) John Marshall, full length, wax bas-relief, and two heads bas-relief; (12) Philip A. Bruce; (15) Mrs Mary Washington; (14) Patrick Henry (photograph of miniature); (15) General William Clark; (16) Bishop White; (17) Daniel Parke; (18) Bishop Meade; (19) Admiral French Forest C. S. N; (20) John Marshall and Bishop Moore (silhouettes) (25) 4 Crayon copies, Bolling family, Petersburg Va., four generations; (26) Col. William Heth; (27) James Madison (bust); (28) Silhouettes of Washington family, formerly owned by Mrs R. E. Lee; (29) John B. Baldwin; (30) Commodore Dale; (31) Peter V. Daniel; (32) Peter Francisco; (33) Thomas Todd (Justice); (34) Robert M. T. Hunter; (35) Harry Innes; (36) Benjamin Watkins Leigh; (37) William C. Rives; (38) Benjamin Rush; (39) A. P. Upshur; (40) Henry A. Wise. This is, of course, only a selection from a large number.

### ARTICLES OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

Among those of especial interest are: (1) A lock of General Lee's hair; (2) His Prayer-Book mark; (3) Sword presented to Midshipman Hill Carter, U. S. N; of ship Epervier, by the the State of Virginia; (4) Sword presented to Capt. Arthur Sinclair U. S. N; commanding ship Erie in the battle of Lake Ontario, by the State of Virginia; (5) Sword presented by the

State of Virginia to the heirs of Capt. John Ritchie U. S. A; killed at the Battle of Niagara; (6) Sword of Midshipman W. B. Sinclair C. S. N; of the C. S. Florida, who died in service; (7) Flag Carried by the Petersburg Volunteers in the Mexican War; (8) Sword found with the remains of a Confederate officer at Gettysburg; (10) A rifle carried in the Lewis and Clark expedition; (11) Table on which George Mason wrote the Bill of Rights; (12) A pair of flint-lock duelling pistols; (13) A military pistol of about 1750; (14) A musket made at the Virginia State Armory; (15) An old lance; (16) The original bell of St. Johns Church, Richmond; (17) Lead plate, with inscription dated 1749, buried by the French on the Ohio River; (18) A pair of duelling pistols and a sash taken from a British officer in the Revolution; (19) Instruments used by William Mayo in laying out Richmond and Petersburg; (20) Plate for printing Virginia colonial currency; (22) Plaster cast of skull of Daniel Boone; (23) A pair of jack-boots, which belonged to Lord Fairfax (1780); (24) A plate, part of a service given to Mrs Washington; (25) Family Bibles of Thomas Nelson and Richard Henry Lee; (26) Sword given to Captain (afterwards General) George H. Thomas by the people of his native county, Southampton Va., 1848; (27) Medal given by the Va. Philosophical Society 1774; (28) Medal of the King of Patomeck; (29) Sword given to William Dandridge of Virginia, Captain British Navy, by John, Duke of Montagu, 1738; (Loan) (30) Fac-Smile of Va. Ordinance of Secession; (31) Piece of Armor dug up at Jamestown.